

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 5-8 and 11-14 are allowed. Claims 1-4, 9 and 10 are rejected. Claim 15 is objected to but would be allowable if certain informalities are corrected. Applicants have canceled claims 1-4, 9 and 10 and have amended claim 5 for clarification and claim 15 to secure place it into independent form allowance.

Claim Objections

Claim 15 is objected to because “the bar bushing” lacks antecedent basis. Further, the word “spacer” should be used instead of “space” in line 6. Applicants have amended the claim according to the Examiner’s suggestion.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2000-228806 (Hiramoto). This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the rejected claims.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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